

**REMARKS**

This is a Preliminary Amendment made in the initial filing of a National Stage application. The Preliminary Amendment specifically adds priority information to the text of the National Stage application; corrects a typographical error and makes stylistic changes to the description of the Field of the Invention; and adds new claims to various aspects of the invention in a format acceptable under US patent practice. The subject matter of the new claims is reflected in the claims of the International Patent Application and the originally filed specification. Accordingly, no new matter is added by the amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this application and to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1447. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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